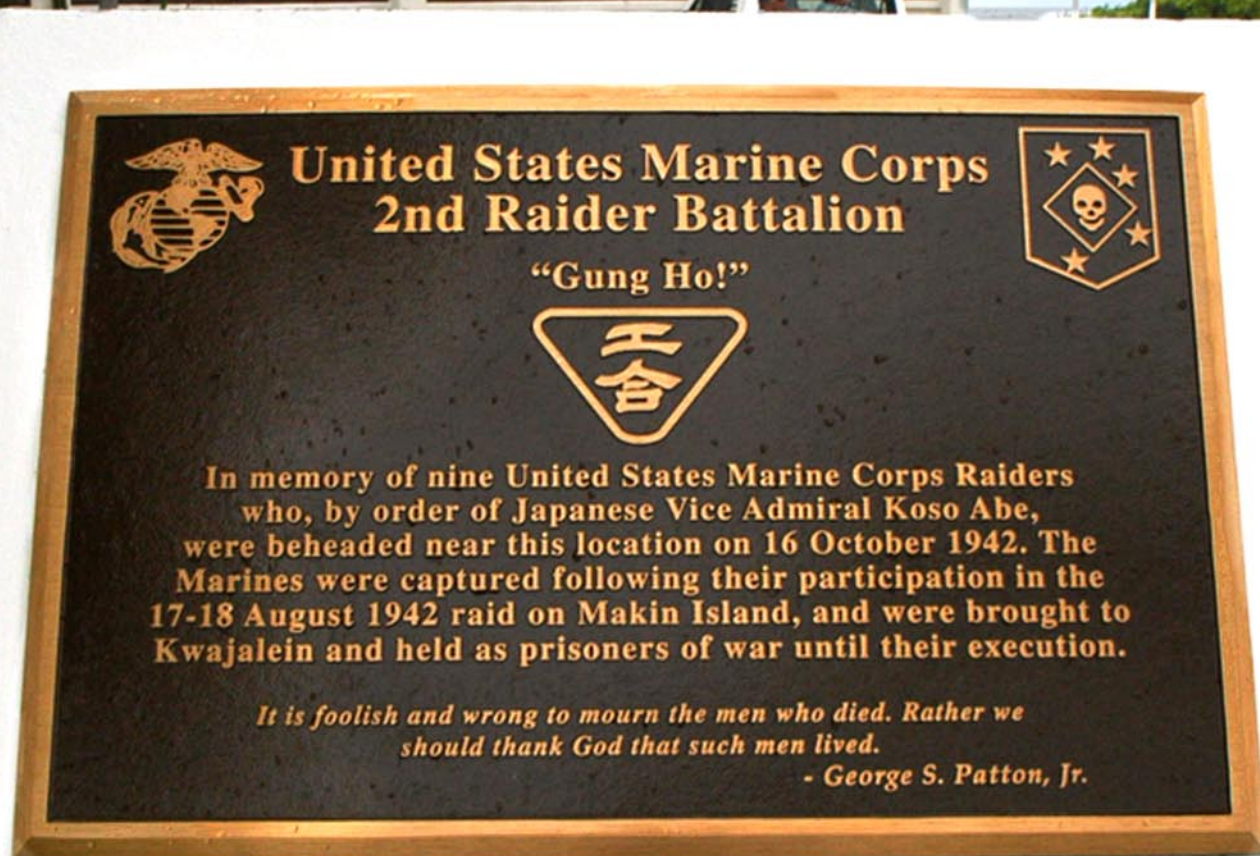


THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



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Heavy rains don't flush golfers spirit down the drain

By nature, I'm a baseball and football fan, and there's not too many climatological events that will keep me from a game.

I've watched as a 17-year-old kid kicked a 75-yard field goal with the aid of a 50mph wind. I've sat at a game with numb fingers, unable to write in my notebook because the ink was frozen and the pages covered by a sheen of sleet. And I've sung "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," at Wrigley Field through chattering teeth while passing on the Old Style man for the coffee guy, praying for a sun ray to break through the thin cloud layer, if only to raise my body temperature a few degrees.

But nothing quite prepared me for Tuesday's KGA Fun Tournament, or what I like to call, "The Mini-Golf Monsoon."

We opened and shut umbrellas so often, three people reported to the hospital with carpal tunnel this morning.

Seventy-nine golfers braved an insanely wet day to tee off from toilet seats (I have pics, see page 5); hit balls through wickets, ala croquet; switch hands — righties to lefties, and so on. One hole had golfers role a die



to see which club they would use the entire hole. Another had golfers play survivor-style, eliminating the golfer with the best shot after each shot. But by far, the toilet seat tee off reached a new low in what normally bills itself as a dignified gentleman's/ladies' sport.

This was something out of a Jeff Foxworthy comedy routine. "If you have ever teed off while sitting on a toilet, you might be a redneck."

I probably would have had more photos, but it kept raining, and I can't ruin my camera this year with budget cutbacks and all that.

Bob Nast, the evil genius behind the event, told me many of the ideas came from a committee, which met on his back porch. In all seriousness, most were formats used in similarly silly tournaments at stateside country clubs.

Anyway, following the sixth downpour, ironically on the sixth tee-box, I made a break for the clubhouse, or should I say I swam for it. I got somewhere along the seventh fairway, 300

yards plus, and the skies opened up again.

With camera protected, I remembered a key phrase from my youth, while selling books door-to-door in Louisiana. There, my boss, in an effort to encourage me to sell more books implored me and my co-workers to work rain-or-shine. Not many folks want to invite a soaking college student into their home to buy books, but hey, the boss thought this was an important lesson, and it's stuck with me to this day — "You can only get so wet. Then you can't get any wetter."

I achieved terminal wetness while dodging golf shots on the No. 2 fairway. And golf balls are hard to see on a clear day, let alone through driving rain. I felt like the little bunny in the carnival games at which people throw the heavy wood balls. And I think I heard one of the golfers say, "I got \$20 says you can't nail the guy with the camera bag?"

But I survived to tell the tale, and came away deeply impressed at the fanaticism by which golfers take their sport.

And now all dry, we can look back on the event with a certain fondness and nostalgia. That, and besides the guy on page 5, I have more toilet seat photos, so if you ever want to run for public office, I'm willing to sell them for the right price.

Marshalllese Word of the Day

mweo — bitter

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Buckminster and Friends

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WUTMI group forwards recommendations on issues

By KW Hillis
Assistant Editor

After a week of intense focus on issues ranging from prevention of rape and violence against women to parenting tips at workshops and presentations on Ebeye, the 70 Women United Together in the Marshall Islands members dispersed across the islands taking with them a new understanding of the issues, recommendations to their local governments and a new sense of support from Kwajalein Atoll's leaders and community, said Hilda Heine, WUTMI advisor and a founder of the organization which was formed in 1987.

"It is a women's organization which involves women to take leadership positions to improve life, especially that of families," she said.

The WUTMI organization's executive board which has met twice a year met for the first time on Ebeye for workshops and presentations held at the LDS church, which donated the classroom space.

Many of the issues brought up, such as violence toward women and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, are traditionally not discussed in the Marshalls.

"People, culturally, just don't talk about it," said Coral Jones, WUTMI Office manager, who is part of the Australian Volunteer program. "For people to talk about it is quite a radical thing to do. And they are brave doing it because they could risk their family's displeasure."

But the executive board members and the women from each chapter everyday risk their family displeasure and even, sometimes, the loss of their jobs to find a solution to these problems, she said.

A presentation on Wednesday about domestic violence against women brought up a recent survey that indicated a high rate of abuse against Marshallese women, said Marie Maddison, WUTMI Administration director and advisor. The questions demonstrated the fear many women feel.

"One of the questions had to do with how the women are treated after they answered the questions for the survey," she said. "Did they get in trouble?"

"Agnes Jibke who did the survey

"The traditional family was the extended family ... We don't have the support we used to have. I think that is one reason that all these problems are happening."

— Carmen Bigler, WUTMI Majuro Chapter president

was very sensitive to how she went about getting the information ... and nobody knew who are asked anything," she said.

Women on Majuro are speaking about the issues more than on Ebeye, at least until now, said Hemikko Lojkar, WUTMI second secretary.

"I'm happy that WUTMI came to Ebeye," she said. "It may bring them out to talk about it."

The taboos against speaking out about issues will take time and support from other women to change, Jones said.

"One very educated woman from Ebeye said that they should not have published [Oct. 10] article in the paper because it is dangerous to bring these subjects out in the open," she said.

The executive board came up with recommendations for each issue discussed, Maddison and Heine said.

"There are different kinds of recommendations — recommendations for the board itself, recommendations for the community and for government agencies," she said.

"There were some recommendations in respect to violence against women and rape," Maddison said. "There were suggestions about doing counseling — having a place where women can come together to talk to each other and support each other."

In addition to hiring a counselor for the WUTMI office, a recommendation was made to put together a clearing house where someone in need of a certain type of counseling could be directed to a counselor, Heine said.

"Youth To Youth in Health, a youth group which deals with sub-

stance abuse and teen pregnancy already has a counselor," she said. "There needs to be a central place to get that information out."

Another recommendation was for WUTMI to focus on raising scholarship money so women can attend a program to certify community workers though the University of South Pacific, Heine said. The three-course program costs \$240 and will give women already filling the positions formal training.

Any recommendations or plans of action that are taken in Majuro will also occur on Ebeye, said Carmen Bigler, WUTMI Majuro Chapter president.

"What will happen [is] with WUTMI as an umbrella, she makes all these plans and then they will come down to the local chapters," Bigler said. "And if that happens in Majuro, it happens on Ebeye as well."

The meeting gave the group a chance to talk about why this jump, in serious issues occurred.

It may be resulting from the breakdown of traditional family, traditional values and the change from sustenance to cash economy, Bigler said.

"The traditional family was the extended family," she said.

"Change from the extended to the nuclear ... because we move around to Majuro and to Ebeye from other places and leave our relatives behind. We don't have the support we used to have. I think that is one reason that all these problems are happening.

"We live in a cash economy now and our relatives come and live with us, and we cannot tell them to go away, but then we cannot support them," she said. "So there is always friction and always worries ... it really creates a lot of problems within the family."

But it isn't a problem without a solution, said Anono Loeak, WUTMI president with Bigler translating.

"She believes that our way of life can be ... put back together again and she gave an example of her own family" Bigler translated.

"[Loeak] and her husband look

(See WUTMI, page 5)

War Crimes Commission opens case for lost Marines

From Part I (published Oct. 7): *After World War II ended, the Japanese who had commanded Kwajalein in 1942 were picked up for questioning. Stories came to light of the beheading of nine American prisoners of war at Kwajalein in October 1942. The case went before the Naval War Crimes Commission on Guam in May 1946.*

Part II

**By Eugene Sims
Kwajalein Historian**

At Guam, charges were brought against three Japanese officers who had been stationed at Kwajalein in October 1942. The charges read as follows:

"They and other person unknown of the Japanese Navy Installation on Kwajalein Island did each and together on Oct. 16, 1942, willfully, feloniously, with premeditation and malice aforethought, without justifiable cause and without proper trial or othe due process, assault, strike and kill by beheading with a sword nine American prisoners of war, names to the relator unknown at this time, and there held captive by Japan, all this in violation of the law and custom of war and the moral standards of civilized society."

According to the testimony, the men were supposedly awaiting transportation to a prisoner-of-war camp in Japan. For some reason, never made clear in the trial, the transportation was denied by a higher authority in the Japanese government.

At this point, the former Kwajalein commander, Capt. Yoshio Obara, claimed he was directed by Vice Adm. Koso Abe, commander of all bases in the Marshall Islands, to execute the men.

Abe countered that he had received the orders for this action via a dispatch from Truk (now known as Chuuk), as directed by the Central Authorities in Japan, but this was never proved.

Abe further claimed that a Cmdr. Okada, from the Central Authorities, who was on Kwajalein in 1942, had made the following statement to him: "From now on, it will not be necessary to transport prisoners to Japan; they will be disposed of locally (on Kwajalein)."

It was shown that Obara at first refused to execute the prisoners,

but Abe threatened his military well-being and his life. Further, Abe directed Obara to execute the men by the sword.

The execution date was set for Oct. 16, as part of the Yasakuni Shrine Festival, a Japanese holiday honoring departed heroes. Obara directed Lt. Cmdr. Hisakichi Naiki, head of the Kwajalein military police, to get volunteers under his command to carry out the execution.

Naiki tried to dissuade Obara from ordering the execution, because he had become friends with several of the prisoners. His effort failed.

On Oct. 16, the prisoners were blindfolded, and their hands tied behind their backs. They were taken to an area at the southwestern part of the island. Abe and Obara arrived, dressed in full uniform.

One at a time, the nine men were led to an open pit, where they were made to kneel. Then they were beheaded.

Naiki did not witness the executions, he said, but he went to the site later and placed a wove fiber mat over the bodies. He said he placed flowers on the grave after the pit was filled with dirt.

The War Crimes Commission found the defendants guilty as charged. Abe was hanged, while Obara and Naiki were given prison sentences.

But the story does not end there.

Many people have asked me, "How did the War Crimes Commission know for sure that the men beheaded were actually U.S. Marines?"

This question could not be answered based on fact until I was able to obtain a copy of the transcripts from the 1946 Naval War Crimes trial.

The primary witness for the prosecution was Lejana Lokot, a Marshallese from Jaluit Atoll. He said the nine men were Marines. Under cross-examination, when asked how he could identify the men as Marines, he said, "because they were all white."

The defense countered the men could have been Australian or British civilians. The matter was eventually dropped, and the court accepted Lokot's testimony.

Later in the trial, the prosecution presented another witness by the name of Capt. Hiyoshi Koichi. This Japanese soldier, who had been at Kwajalein in 1942, said the nine

American Marines had been brought to Kwajalein from Makin in September 1942, and he had witnessed the beheading of these same men in October 1942.

At this point, the War Crimes Commission accepted the fact that the men beheaded on Kwajalein were not only Marines, but they had been part of the group of Carlson's Raiders who surrendered on Butaritari.

The question of identity goes unanswered, even today. The Japanese kept no record of the names, rank and serial numbers of the nine prisoners. Twelve Marines remain unaccounted for, consequently, we do not know which Marines were beheaded.

I have also been asked why the grave at Kwajalein has never been located and excavated. My response, and that of others, has been that it is doubtful if any remains could have survived the heavy bombardment in 1944. The many tons of explosives landing on the island during the six-day shelling prior to the American landings probably obliterated the shallow grave of the Marines.

If the heavy shelling didn't destroy the graves, then what of the extensive bulldozing after the invasion?

As shown in Chapter 26 of my book, *Kwajalein Remembered*, the surface of the island was ripped apart by bulldozers and road graders in 1944 to unearth unexploded ordnance and hidden Japanese ammo bunkers. Could any graves have remained untouched after this effort?

Moreover, to my knowledge, no dog tags have ever been found during construction excavations on the southwestern part of Kwajalein, where the beheadings took place.

Another question concerns the Japanese custom of cremation of their own dead, instead of direct burial. If the Japanese had followed their pevailing custom, the dead men might have been cremated — possibly in the pit where they fell. But what of the dog tags normally worn by Marines? Wouldn't these metal tags have survived?

Also cremation would have been contrary to statements by Naiki that the grave was backfilled with earth.

Where did the actual beheading take place?

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Crews search for lost Marines' grave ...

(From page 4)

The Japanese on trial at Guam made reference to a grave site southwest of the airport runway. For many years, this site was imagined to be somewhere near the southeast end of runway No. 6, perhaps on oceanside, near the end of the golf course. I don't believe this to be correct, based on several other clues found over the years.

In his testimony at Guam, Obara referred to visiting the prisoners two or three times on his morning or evening walks on the beach. As Kwajalein residents know, the very rocky beach on the ocean side would make a leisurely beach walk very difficult. I feel the beach Obara referred to was actually on the lagoon side of the island. This is important, as is the reference to a road and the airport runway.

One of the defendants in the Guam trial stated that Abe and Obara arrived at the beheading site in an automobile. In 1942, the only road passable by automobile was what we now call Lagoon Road.

In 1942, the Japanese airstrip was nothing more than a 1,200-foot area of cleared jungle. The Japanese had yet to build a complete runway. There were no aircraft on the island. Aerial photos taken in 1942 and 43 verify this.

In 1944, the runway still remained unfinished. It was some 70 degrees from north, not the 60 degrees as it is today. By using a protractor, it is easy to see that the reference to an area southwest of the runway would put the beheading site on the lagoon side of the island, south of the old boat pool, near the by-gone ATC Terminal and hydroponic garden (Facilities 1098 and 1097, opposite Coral Sands beach) and Building 1012.

(Editor's Note: In other words, somewhere near the Kwajalein Public Gardens. Crews from the Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii excavated a spot south of the gardens, near the Photo Lab, for three months, January to March 2002, without finding any sign of the Marines' grave. They left, but said they will return if or when they can find new evidence to narrow their search.)



(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Tee Time?

Steve Fuchs tees off from a toilet at the No. 4, par 3, at Holmberg Fairways Tuesday during the Kwajalein Golf Association's Fun Tournament. The tourney, which involved 79 golfers on a rainy day, included unusual formats for each hole, devised by Bob Nast and others. Other holes required golfers to hit one-handed; left-handed for righties, and vice versa; and through wickets — croquet style.

WUTMI women wade into issues ...

(Continued from page 3)

at all these things and talk about them," she said. "They discuss it, and they bring all their children together and their cousins and everybody in the family and talk to them about the good way — the Marshallese way of life which is good.

"She believes that if we communicate all these things to the children, the younger generation, it can be done," she added.

Loeak is not the only woman advocating and practicing open communication with their family members to bring back values and modifying tradition to meet the current needs, Bigler said.

"There are more than two clubs in our Majuro chapter that were established for that purpose of getting the families back together again," Bigler said.

WUTMI has had an uphill struggle to promote open speech about abuse and prevention of teen pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases and other previously taboo subjects, but was bolstered by the reception they received on Ebeye and the new sense of support from Kwajalein's leadership and community.

"When the waters are rough, it is time to wade in."

— A Marshallese saying, translated by Coral Jones, WUTMI office manager

Iroij Michael Kabua, and the Kwajalein Alap, or heads of clans, for the first time hosted a *kamlo*, or night of dancing and fun for the women, Bigler said. (See Oct. 10 *Hourglass* article.) KALGOV and the Ebeye community along with the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club, the Jine Tip Tip Club and the Marshallese Cultural society helped the WUTMI group, many who paid for their own travel.

"Leadership has always been a major issue and how well we move forward really relies a lot on the leadership and how involved the community is," she said. "We saw those two things happen on Ebeye."

Loeak, Bigler, Maddison, Lojkar and Jones said they all believe that the show of support and open communication will go a long way in finding a solution for these issues despite continued resistance.

Translating a Marshallese saying, Jones said, "When the waters are rough, it is time to wade in."

HELP WANTED

KRS has the following on-island job opening. Unless otherwise noted, call Alan Taylor, 55154.

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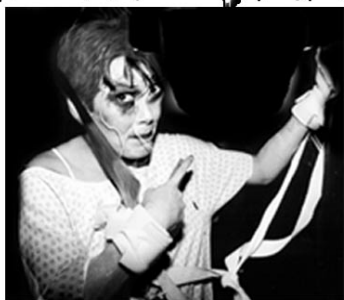
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The history of JAZZ



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A five-week series of videos on the history of jazz beginning Sunday, Oct. 19, 6 p.m., at Gilligan's. All hardcore jazz enthusiasts and curious browsers invited. Your host is Turk Cooper.

YYWC Outer Island Christmas Drop needs saved hotel soap and shampoo. For pickup and drop-off information, call 52608.

HOUSE-SITTING for visiting parents Nov. 10-Dec. 11. They love plants and pets. Call 51494.

CRIB and/or glider. Need by December. Call 51668.

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LOST

SPEEDO FUTURITY goggles, black with clear lenses, youth size, at Emon Beach or in new housing/dome area; girl's black flip-flop with multi-colored flowers at Lincoln Street playground. Call 50163.

MEN'S ROYAL BLUE jacket with black mesh liner loaned to one of Tessa's friends last summer. Call Mark, 52527.

WILL THE people who took flower arrangements home from Amber and Wise's wedding return the vases to Amber or Leann. Call 54826 and leave a message.

SPY SUNGLASSES, Microscopes, black, yellow grips on the inside of the sides, after Sept. 27. Call 51611.

BLACK "Guess" brand sunshades. Call 54168.

FOUND

RAZOR SCOOTER. Call 51815.

PURSE left at patio sale at Qtrs. 214-A. Call 52527.

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FOR SALE

PCS SALE. Two 27" TVs, \$200 each; two La-Z-Boy chairs, \$200. Many more items. Call 52398.

REMOTE-CONTROL Santa butler, \$25; two large Victorian music boxes with dancers and 16 song discs, eight of which for Christmas, \$50, both items unopened and in original boxes, would make great Christmas gifts; plants at Qtrs. 203-A. Call 55990.

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LADY COBRA II irons, 4 through pitching wedge, \$100; Ping pal putter, \$25; Ping pal 6 putter, \$25;

two left-handed putters, \$25 each; men's Alien wedge, \$25; men's 60 degree loft wedge, \$25; shag bag with 75 balls, \$10. Call 51751H or 57217W.

TUNER, \$50; breadmaker, \$35; Dr. Scholls' new paraffin bath wafers; Lenox dishes, \$18 each. Call 53659.

PCS SALE. Large and medium wood CD cases, \$20-\$40; 32" TV, \$200; outdoor cabinet, \$150; two computers; corner computer desk, \$50; microwave, \$60; toaster oven, \$60; fryer, \$40; Big George rotisserie, \$80; two 52" ceiling fans, new in box, \$80 for both; All-In-Wonder 128 Pro, new in box, \$125. Call 52782.

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MICROWAVE, \$65; Lexmark color printer, \$45; ironing board, \$10; full-size mattress pad, \$10; full-size mattress foam pad, \$10. Call 51992, after 5 p.m.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

ADULT ED flyers, including a schedule of classes for the next session beginning Oct. 21, are available at the Post Office entry way. Questions, call 51078.

"JAGSTAR," a DoD rock band is scheduled to perform Wednesday, Oct. 29, 6:30 p.m., at Roi Outrigger; Thursday, Oct. 30, 6 p.m., at Emon Beach with a family-style barbecue by food services; Friday, Oct. 31, 7 p.m., at the Youth Center (Halloween party for grades 7-12 only). Saturday, Nov. 1, 9 p.m., at Gilligan's (adult Halloween costume party).

CHECK CASHING POLICY: Checks for up to \$50 over purchase amount are only accepted at Macy's, Macy's West, Gimbel's, Surfway and Ten-Ten. All other facilities accept checks for amount of purchase only.

UNACCOMPANIED PERSONNEL: Mark your party calendar for Friday, Oct. 31. A sunset Halloween cruise is 6-8 p.m. Music, beverages and lots of fun. Wear a costume or just a mask, funny shoes, etc. Bring your friends and make new friends. Purchase tickets through Oct. 29 at Community Activities. Cost is \$8. For more information, call the chapel, 53505, or Lydi, 54223. Sponsored by the Protestant Chapel.

KWAJ FLYING Club is looking for personnel interested in flight ground school. Classes start in November. Questions? Call Joe Marshall, 50781.

BOY SCOUT campout is Oct. 19-20, at the Kwajalein rifle range. Questions? Call Gregg, 58685.

SCHOOL ADVISORY Council meets tonight, 7 p.m., in the elementary music building #342. Public is invited.

ORDER YOUR tickets now for the 33rd annual Kwajalein Open. Tickets are on sale Sundays at the golf course, or Mondays, 10 a.m.-noon, on Macy's porch. The Kwaj Open is Nov. 2, 3, 9 and 10. For more information, call Amanda, 59088.

CUB SCOUT Pack 135 Jamboree on the Air is Sunday, Oct. 19. Bears, 1-2 p.m.; Wolves, 2-2:30 p.m.; Webelos, 2:30-3 p.m.

CUB SCOUT Pack 135 den leader round table meeting is Friday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m., in the Scout Hut.

CUB SCOUT Pack 135 meeting is Sunday, Oct. 26, 5:30 p.m., at Coral Sands. Come for the bonfire,

pow wow and s'moores.

ARE YOU INTERESTED in amateur radio classes such as theory or code classes to obtain your technician, general or extra class license? Once licensed, you can use the local repeater, talk to the world and experiment with amateur television. Reservists can also earn retirement points by participating in MARS. Call Bert, 51905, or e-mail lucbert@msn.com.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE six coaches must attend the mandatory NYSCA certification clinic Friday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m., in the elementary school room 20. If you are interested in coaching the 2003-2004 sports season, you must attend this meeting. Soccer coaches must attend.

HIGH SCHOOL coaches mandatory NYSCA certification clinic is Friday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m., in the elementary school room 20. If interested in coaching the 2003-2004 sports season, you must attend this meeting. Soccer coaches must attend.

JUNIOR/SENIOR High School Band and Choir Concert featuring the Junior Band, Concert Band, Mixed Ensemble and Stage Band is tomorrow, 7 p.m., in the high school MP room.

BREAK OUT that luau outfit. It's time for KYC's annual Swashbucklers' Ball. Mark your calendar for Sunday, Nov. 16. Watch the *Hourglass* and roller for more information.

UMUC business office has temporarily moved to Coral BQ room 1 on the first floor. Questions? Call Marilyn, 52800, or e-mail fkajalein@ad.umuc.edu.

THERE IS a school-age parent workshop "How to Deal with Homework," Oct. 23, 7 p.m., in the elementary school music room. Questions? Call 52158.

GRACE SHERWOOD Library's Halloween book draw runs through Oct. 30. Sign up to win five leather-bound books by Agatha Christie, including "Death on the Nile," "Murder on the Orient Express" and "And Then There Were None." One registration per person. Winner will be announced by Rich Feagler on his morning show, Oct. 31.

ANNUAL KWAJALEIN POTTERY show is Oct. 19, in CAC room 6. A public viewing of all pieces is 4-6 p.m. Pottery purchases may be made 6-9 p.m. Don't miss this one.

See you at the movies!

Wednesday

Vanilla Sky (2001, R) Tom Cruise stars in this thriller about a man whose life takes strange turns after the death of an ex-girlfriend.

Adult Recreation Center, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Blazing Saddles (1974, R) Mel Brook's comedy spoof on Westerns complete with a cast of unusual characters.

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Identity (2003, R) Ten strangers are stranded at a small town hotel, during a rain storm, in this suspense-drama.

Roi Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.

The Core (2003, PG13) Scientist and soldiers join forces to save the world from certain destruction.

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday

Animal House (1978, R) This is a comedy of fraternity rejects who all pledge to Delta house.

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Caddyshack (1980, R) A slapstick comedy about a snobbish golf country club.

Roi Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.

Raising Arizona (1987, PG13) This is a comedy about a couple who wants to have a baby, so they kidnap one from a family who just had quintuplets.

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Monday

Blazing Saddles (2003, R)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

The Core

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

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Operation TeddyCare seeks bears for military kids

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WASHINGTON — It's not easy being a kid whose mom or dad is deployed overseas to a combat zone. It can be confusing and lonely, and sometimes, downright scary.

That's why a California-based nonprofit group wants to put into every affected military child's hands that quintessentially American yet internationally understood symbol of comfort and friendship: the teddy bear.

Operation TeddyCare, the labor of love of a disabled Vietnam veteran and his wife, already has donated 2,500 teddy bears to military children of deployed service members. Each bear, presented through military family service centers, comes with a personalized certificate of appreciation "for being brave and helpful while your parent served in the line of duty."

Family service centers are so enthusiastic about the program that they've already requested another 6,500 teddy bears — but Operation TeddyCare has no bears left to donate.

"We've gotten to the point where we are flat-out of teddy bears," said Barbara Moran, who runs the program with her husband, psychologist Dr. Bob Baker.

To help meet increasing requests for teddy bears, Operation TeddyCare is soliciting donations of teddy bears as well as checks to purchase teddy bears and cover the cost of printing certificates of appreciation and shipping.

Moran and Baker go to great lengths to get teddy bears to military children. At once point, they

drove two carloads of bears from their home near San Francisco to Camp Pendleton, Calif., when Operation TeddyCare had run too low on shipping funds to mail the requested bears.

"It's a wonderful thing they're doing," said Hugh Cooper, deputy assistant chief of staff for community services at the base. "The kids here really appreciated getting the bears."

"They were a big hit," echoed Robin Colangelo, family readiness coordinator for the Air National Guard in Phoenix, who presented teddy bears to children of the 161st Air Refueling Wing.

"Operation TeddyCare is such a nice program, because it recognizes that kids share in the hardships when their parents are deployed," said Colangelo. "It's especially hard on the very young ones, because they really don't understand what's going on."

Moran said Operation TeddyCare is committed to recognizing these children's sacrifices. "Military children are expected to be extraordinary — to be brave, to do their homework, to do their chores, and to handle the stress of their parent being away from home," Moran said.

But Moran said the teddy bears convey more than just appreciation. "Teddy bears are all about comfort," she said. "They're good listeners, and they're nice to hold. They're so associated with America, with comfort, with friendship, and with both celebrations and consolations."

"We all know that when the going gets tough, it really helps to hug a teddy bear."

Baker recognized the therapeutic power of teddy bears in his prac-

tice as clinical coordinator of the Department of Veterans Affairs' National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, where he worked until his retirement.

Since then, he and Moran continue to spread those healing powers. Since 1995, Operation TeddyCare has distributed more than 30,000 teddy bears donated by local citizens to counselors, police, firefighters and other emergency workers. They, in turn, present the bears to children affected by conflicts, war, violence, abuse, neglect, natural disasters, accidents or life-threatening illness.

The effort has moved into high gear during crises, beginning in 1995 when Operation TeddyCare sent teddy bears to children in Kobe, Japan, after a 6.9 magnitude earthquake left almost 5,500 people dead. Since then, Operation TeddyCare has donated teddy bears for children affected by the Oklahoma City bombing, the World Trade Center attacks, and most recently, Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Moran said she's even heard from service members deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, asking if there was a way to get teddy bears for the local children.

"I guess you could say we've become the Red Cross of teddy bears," she said.

To contribute, send teddy bears or checks to: Operation TeddyCare, Suite Q, 80 N. Cabrillo Highway, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019. Designate contributions "For military kids." For more information about the program, visit <http://teddycare.coastside.net>.

Weather

Courtesy of Aeromet

Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

Winds: Northeast to east-southeast at 10-18 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

Winds: East-southeast to south at 8-16 knots.

Temperature: Tonight's low 79°

Tomorrow's high 88°

October rain total: 5.23"

Annual rain total: 72.65"

Annual deviation: -2.79"

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	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Wednesday October 15	0637/1833	2203/1011	0620, 4.5' 1830, 5.1'	1210, 1.2'
Thursday October 16	0637/1833	2252/1102	0640, 4.1' 1900, 4.8'	0050, 1.4' 1230, 1.6'
Friday October 17	0637/1832	2343/1154	0710, 3.7' 1940, 4.4'	0130, 1.8' 1300, 1.9'